MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) ; May I know whether the D. S. P., who is the senior according to the Commissioner, is not the senior according to Government also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The language of the Commissioner of Police was not quite clear. He meant only a senior D. S. P.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Are there many senior D. S. Ps. ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is relative seniority between the different D. S. Ps.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is not this kind of vagueness that I expect from Government. I wish to know whether there are more than one senior D. S. P ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Among the four D. S. Ps., three may be considered to be the senior D. S. Ps., and the fourth junior D. S. P. It was an inadvertant error on the part of the Commissioner of Police when he spoke of '*the senior*' D. S. P. being his Personal Assistant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I should have understood *that* answer if it had been given even at the outset. But, to say that, out of the four D. S. Ps., three are senior D. S. Ps., is a statement which I do not expect from Government. I can quite understand it if it was a mistake on the part of the Commissioner of Police.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already stated that it was an inadvertant error.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That, I can appreciate. I merely wanted to know whether Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar has recently been made the senior D. S. P. I found from the Civil List that another gentleman was the senior D. S. P. I therefore wanted the information whether that gentleman had since been superceded. I expect a straightforward answer from Government ; I can appreciate that.

Appointment of Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police.

70. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state why the Senior District Superintendent of Police was not made the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No consideration of seniority was necessary in the case, as the Personal Assistant's appointment was not one of higher status than that of the District Superintendent of Police.

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